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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Klaus DUECKER

Serial No.: 10/049,568

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Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: Christopher J. Nichols

For: **NEW G-PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTOR AND DNA SEQUENCES THEREOF**

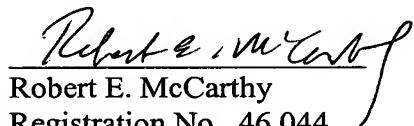
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of December 3, 2002, Applicant hereby elects claims 1-9 and 11 of Group I drawn to a method for producing a polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:2) comprising isolated polynucleotide (SEQ ID NO: 1), vectors, host cells, and fusion proteins comprising same, and a method for screening to identify compounds that stimulate or inhibit the function or level of a polypeptide. This election is made with traverse as there would be no undue search burden to include claim 10 which covers the antibody specific for the polypeptide. Applicants reserve the right to request rejoinder once allowable claims are indicated.

Respectfully submitted,


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